

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a physician who has held 20-week-old babies in my hand, it floors me to think that some do not feel they are worthy of life. Who knows how many future movie stars, professional athletes, or even members of Congress never got their chance to shine because they were believed to only be “a clump of cells.”

Abortion activists always deflect with the line: “not your body, not your choice.” Dye their hair green, pierce their lip, tattoo their tongue, the whole nine yards. That’s their prerogative. A developing person is NOT a body part. A baby is its own completely separate entity. They have unique DNA. They have a unique future awaiting them. Nobody has the right to kill it.

Of course, pregnancies are absolutely difficult on women. I’ve watched my wife go through three of them. But what is more important? Opting out of a difficult 9 months? Or, on average, the 80 years of human life that result from that pregnancy?

One argument you frequently hear is that it’s cruel for babies to be born into a world of poverty, so they’re better off dead. This is such a sad argument. Life can be difficult, no doubt, being born into poverty, but life also offers endless opportunities for success. How can anyone deprive someone of their chance to succeed and experience life?

As science continues to progress and we learn more and more about babies in the early stages of pregnancy, it’s my hope that people will finally come around to see their humanity. I pledge to continue fighting until that day comes and this evil is rooted out of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEROME
KATER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerome Kater of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, who recently received the Jefferson Award from CBS 21 News.

As president of the board at Katie’s Place, Mr. Kater has worked tirelessly to devote his time and resources to helping the people of Shippensburg. Under his leadership, Katie’s Place serves as a distribution site for charitable goods and services. For his community efforts, Mr. Kater received the 8 Who Cares Award in November—another testament to his spirit of service. In addition to his volunteer work, Mr. Kater also serves as a member of

the Shippensburg University Police Department. Through it all, he credits God with giving him a heart for service.

Jerome Kater is a selfless leader and exceptional role model. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank Mr. Kater for his service to the Shippensburg community, and I congratulate him and his family on this remarkable honor.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THESPIAN TROUPE 6803 AT
BORDENTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School for their exceptional service to New Jersey and their community.

Amid a global crisis, the students of Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School revitalized the discontinued Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program and became true leaders. In response to the hunger they witnessed in their community, Thespian Troupe 6803 raised over 615 pounds of food for the St. Mary’s Food Pantry as part of the Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat Program.

In this time, where a growing number of New Jersey residents are going to bed hungry, we should be doing all we can to ensure that we feed those in need. Thespian Troupe 6803’s work exemplifies the best of New Jersey and New Jersey’s compassion for all of its citizens.

I could not be prouder of the students in this troupe, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING RICHMOND HILL

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ford Avenue Historic District as an officially designated area in the city of Richmond Hill.

After 2 years of planning, the Richmond Hill City Council approved an amendment to an ordinance creating the city’s first historic district on January 5th.

The Ford Avenue Historic District is at the heart of Richmond Hill’s history and contains primary locations and buildings Ford Motor Company built between 1925 and 1947. When Henry Ford came to Richmond Hill, the town was known as Ways Station. Upon his arrival, the town grew and became known as Richmond Hill. You can feel the history simply walking down the street.

Designating this remarkable historic district is just another positive effort by the city to pro-

mote, protect, and remember its roots. I am thankful for the Richmond Hill City Council’s diligent work on this and everything they do.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR MOMS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a desperate cry for help and a call to action for the millions of moms who have been pushed to the brink of economic, social, and emotional disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, moms—especially moms of color—have been facing the brunt of the economic fall out of this pandemic as a result of existing social barriers and policy failures that have been compounded by enduring racism and gender injustices.

What a year can do. At the beginning of 2020, even in the face of continued gender and racial wage gaps, women made up the majority of the workforce for the first time in almost a decade. A year later, women have lost over 5.4 million net jobs and account for 55 percent of overall net job loss since the start of the pandemic. Today, there are over 2 million fewer women in the labor force than there were before the pandemic. The pandemic has triggered a financial and emotional calamity for America’s moms, who are shouldering the majority of child care, domestic work, and remote school responsibilities—and this against the backdrop of women who were already overrepresented in low-wage jobs and underrepresented in high-wage jobs.

We know that mother’s wages are key to their families’ economic security and survival, even as they are leaving the workforce in droves or are reducing work hours—otherwise known as the “she-cession”. American moms are breadwinners in nearly half of families with children under 18, and yet the wage gap for moms is larger than for women overall, such that moms with full-time, year-round jobs are paid 70 cents for every dollar paid to dads. Adding to the tragedy is that moms permanently leaving the workforce are disrupting their career trajectory and endangering their future Social Security earnings and other potential retirement income. Furthermore, child nutrition is inextricably linked to mothers in the workforce, such that almost one in four children experienced food insecurity in 2020. This is a moral failure.

Madam Speaker, moms are screaming out for help. I hear constantly from other moms that this is just not sustainable. The unprecedented burdens of child care, work, remote learning—on top of the social isolation—have strained the mental and emotional health of moms. As a mom of two young boys, this issue is especially personal to me. Moms everywhere are saying: something has to give, before something ultimately breaks.

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That is why I am introducing the Marshall Plan for Moms to revitalize and restore moms in the workforce. After all, any meaningful and sustainable economic recovery from this pandemic must recognize and rebuild moms in the labor force. As such, the Marshall Plan calls for robust paid leave; saving our child care industry, with a vision toward universal child care and early learning; investment in our education system, including broadband connections; strengthening child poverty tools, such as child tax credit and earned income tax credit; expanded unemployment insurance benefits; strong SNAP benefits; federal minimum wage increase to \$15; and mental health support for moms.

We need a Marshall Plan for Moms because we need transformational structural change. Moms, especially moms of color, were already fighting an uphill battle against societal norms and economic injustices. They are hurting today, because, like so many other things, this pandemic has exacerbated already existing injustices and inequities.

Madam Speaker, as you have always said: When Women Succeed, America Succeeds. For the sake of our economy, we must prioritize addressing this precipice facing moms and immediately implement the Marshall Plan for Moms, so that moms have a fighting chance, and that they are protected against any future economic calamities. I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Officer Brian Sicknick, who tragically passed away from the injuries he sustained from the U.S. Capitol riots on January 6th.

Officer Sicknick was a New Jersey native who joined the Capitol Police in 2008 after serving in the New Jersey Air National Guard. He went through two different deployments and supported our country during the war in Afghanistan until he was honorably discharged.

Officer Sicknick's family said he wanted to be a police officer his entire life and joined the Air National Guard as a means to that end.

He is a hero who will be remembered by his untethered commitment to protecting all those within and around the hallowed halls of Congress.

I am thankful for Officer Sicknick's legacy, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, the Capitol Police, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF COOKIES FOR CAREGIVERS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Scott McKenzie and Jer-

emy Ulbricht of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania for starting the Cookies for Caregivers movement.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, a friendly competition between the two resulted in a cookie baking contest judged by the Mayor of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. After the competition was over, they took leftover cookies to the Huntingdon Police Department to thank the first responders. The gratitude the officers expressed inspired Scott and Jeremy to begin recruiting other members of the community to bake cookies for other essential workers.

Since then, Scott and Jeremy's group has baked more than 18,000 cookies. Their Facebook page, "Cookies for Caregivers," has more than a thousand members. Additionally, 23 similar groups have been started across the United States.

While our first responders endure to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, it is encouraging to see southcentral Pennsylvanians express gratitude to our community's essential workers. As Scott and Jeremy continue to offer encouragement to those on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19, I wish them and their movement every continued success.

HONORING WELLS COUNTY WORLD WAR II VETERAN ED GOETZ

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Ed Goetz of Wells County.

Next week, on Monday, February 15, Mr. Goetz will celebrate his 100th birthday. Congratulations Mr. Goetz on this wonderful occasion. I hope his heart is filled with joy knowing that he has experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family and friends over a long, well-lived life.

Our Nation owes Mr. Goetz a debt of gratitude for his dedicated service to our country while serving in the United States Army during World War II. As a flight engineer stationed in the South Pacific, Goetz flew a total of 37 combat missions over Japan, including one during which the crew was forced to crash land in the middle of the ocean.

In 1964, Goetz moved to Bluffton, where he became active in his church and the Boy Scouts. Goetz served on the boards of the United Way and The Wells County Foundation, helped provide income tax preparation for over 25 years, served as the treasurer for Friends of the Library for nearly 30 years, and worked to fill the Ossian Industrial Park with hundreds of jobs. In 2010, at age 90, Goetz was named the Wells County Citizen of the Year.

The story of Ed Goetz is the story of American greatness. As a patriot who served his country in war and community in peace, this honor is a testament to his commitment to the American people and ideals to which our Nation strive.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANN GONYEA'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TRENTON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joann Gonyea on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 35 years of service to the City of Trenton, Michigan. Her significant contributions to the Trenton community is worthy of commendation.

Ms. Gonyea grew up on the east side of Detroit, Michigan. Later attending Wayne State University and graduating with a degree in Recreation and Parks Services. In 1985, she was introduced to the City of Trenton as an intern with the Wayne County park system. She was hired to the City of Trenton's Parks and Recreation team, eventually rising to the position of Director of Parks and Recreation.

During her time as Director, she has broken ground on numerous projects. She was a critical partner in the development and opening of the Refuge Gateway of Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the only International Wildlife Refuge in North America. As a leader in the Downriver Linked Greenways project, she helped build a trail to connect the wildlife refuge with the downriver linked greenways. Ms. Gonyea is leaving a legacy of successful revitalization projects and has helped the city of Trenton earn the title of "trail town."

The parks, trails, and greenways she has helped develop have transformed the 12th District and will have a lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of its residents. Her work has been vital in promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joann Gonyea for her exemplary 35 years of public service. She has effectively served Trenton and the State of Michigan in her role as Parks and Recreation Director through her selflessness and dedication to the community. I join with Joann's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

REMEMBERING BETTY MINER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Betty Miner of Richmond Hill who sadly passed away at the age of 87.

Betty lived a remarkable life and touched countless lives. She was a lifelong resident of Richmond Hill and became the first woman councilmember for the city in 1971.

Betty also served as mayor pro-tem. In addition to her work to lead and improve Richmond Hill, she served on the DNR board for the state of Georgia through which she was instrumental in bringing the fisherman's co-op to Bryan County. Through every position she had, she worked to better her community and every life she touched.

My thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.